

ZAINAB AL QURNAWI

Zainab was born, raised and educated in Iraq. She is both an English and Iraqi qualified lawyer who was admitted to the Iraqi Bar Association in 2002 and qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales in 2005. She undertook her English training in London with one of the largest leading international law firms (Clyde & Co) and practised there for a number of years. Zainab also worked on secondment with JP Morgan Chase Bank in London for one year and with ADWOC (a leading drilling company in Tripoli, Libya) for several months.

Zainab returned to the Middle East (Dubai – U.A.E.) at the beginning of 2011 to take up a post within Royal Dutch Shell's legal department concentrating on oil and gas matters in various parts of the region, particularly Shell's huge interests in Iraq.

In 2012, Zainab left Shell to take up a post with Clyde & Co Dubai in their Corporate Department again primarily specialising in advising clients wishing to undertake business in Iraq.

In January 2014, Zainab left Clyde & Co to set up QC Law Firm.

Zainab is unique in that she is one of the few Iraqis qualified lawyers in both the common law and the civil law systems.



INDICATIVE EXPERIENCE (NON-CONTENTIOUS)

- **General advice on numerous matters including:**

Numerous opinions on Iraqi oil and gas issues, Government Procurement Regulations, Customs and Import matters.

Advice on ownership of Iraqi oil for export purposes involving constitutional considerations.

Opinions on agency and distributorship arrangements within Iraq.

Numerous advices on Iraqi civil law, civil procedures code, enforcement law and arbitration procedures.

Numerous advices on Iraqi company law, employment law, foreign residency law and visa issues.

Advices on Iraqi criminal law and criminal procedures code.

Advices on telecommunication regulations.

Advices on foreign direct investment enquiries including setting up in Iraq (registration of Iraqi LLCs and branches), tax enquiries, banking, insurance & reinsurance.

INDICATIVE EXPERIENCE (CONTENTIOUS)

- **UK- Iraq Public Enquiry:** Appeared as Iraqi Counsel in several major UK Public Enquiries into Iraqi Fatalities allegedly involving members of the British Army. Engaged by UK Ministry of Defence – see website <http://www.iraq-judicial-investigations.org>.
- **Iraqi Court:** Appeared before courts in Baghdad, Basrah, Qurna, Al Dyair, Safwan and Nassariyyah including the First Instance Courts, the Appeal Court, the Specialised Commercial Courts, the Labour Courts and Execution Departments. Also appeared before police stations and investigating magistrates in different parts of Iraq.
- **Arbitration:** Assisting in a number of London arbitrations. Appeared as an expert witness on Iraqi law in major European arbitration in Switzerland.